(c) The Central Issue Price of wheat and rice distributed under PDS has been revised w.e.f. 1st April, 2000 at 50% of the economic cost for BPL population and 100% of economic cost for APL population. Consequently, the food subsidy under TPDS is now better channelised towards targeted group, *i.e.*, people living below poverty line. So, the subsidy for BPL has effectively increased from 5240 crores to Rs. 7656 crores.

Edible Oil Quota for Arunachal Pradesh

3674. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quota of edible oil for the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 for Arunachal Pradesh for distribution among the people through Public Distribution System;

(b) the details of actual release of the said quota during 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

(c) the details of actual demand made by Arunachal Pradesh in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (c) No. quota is fixed by the Central Government for States/Union Territories with regard to allocation of imported edible oils for supply through the Public Distribution System (PDS). Allocation is made on the basis of requests from State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Since no demand for allotment of edible oil fog distribution through PDS was placed by Arunachal Pradesh Government during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, no allocations have been made by the Cental Government to Arunachal Pradesh for these years.

Foodgrains to BPL Card Holders

3675. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of BPL card holders in the country in 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) the total quantity of rice and wheat allotted for them, year-wise; and